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For: EXTERNAL STORAGE DEVICE USING NON-VOLATILE  
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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**  
**UNDER 37 CFR 1.56, 1.97 & 1.98**

Assistant Commissioner  
For Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

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Sir:

In the matter of the above-identified application, applicants are submitting herewith a copy of a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application and a copy of the document listed in the attached form equivalent to Form PTO-1449 for the Examiner's consideration.

This information disclosure statement is being submitted, on information and belief, before the mailing date of a first office action on the merits.

To the extent the documents listed on the attached form equivalent to Form PTO-1449 are not in the English language, the requirement of 37 CFR 1.98 (a)(3) for a concise explanation of the relevance is satisfied by an English language version or translation of the foreign patent office report citing the documents.

It is respectfully requested that this information disclosure statement be considered by the Examiner.

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